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- The governor of Washington declared a state of emergency November 18 after heavy rain storms November 17 killed 3 people, cut power to more than 350,000 homes, and caused flooding in the Northwest. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- Wisconsin officials reported November 18 that 228 captive white-tailed deer at an Eau Claire County farm were euthanized after 26 deer were tested positive for chronic wasting disease. – *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* (See item [10](#))
- The Washington College in Maryland reported that campus will remain closed until November 29 and classes will be cancelled until November 30 due to a warrant that was issued for a student believed to be armed with a gun. – *WBAL 11 Baltimore* (See item [13](#))
- The Georgia Secretary of State announced November 18 that about 6.2 million registered voters may have had their Social Security numbers and personal information illegally disclosed October 13 after the secretary's office inadvertently sent the information to 12 organizations. – *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (See item [15](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 19, Associated Press* – (National) **Governor declares state of emergency after Northwest storm.** The governor of Washington declared a state of emergency November 18 following heavy rain and a strong storm November 17 that killed 3 people, cut power to more than 350,000 homes, and caused rivers to flood in the Northwest. Schools remained closed November 19 and utility crews worked to restore power to over 72,000 customers that remained without service.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/governor-declares-state-of-emergency-after-northwest-storm/ar-BBnbWy9>

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *November 18, Syracuse Post Standard* – (New York) **Entergy Corp. tells feds that FitzPatrick nuclear plant will close.** Entergy Corp officials reported November 18 that the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant in Scriba, New York will permanently close by early 2017 due to the facility's continued deteriorating economics, which include reduced revenue as a result of low current and long-term wholesale energy prices, high-cost structure, and excess supply, among other factors.
Source:
http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2015/11/entergy_corp_tells_nrc_that_fitzpatrick_nuclear_plant_will_close.html

Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *November 19, Bergen County Record* – (New Jersey; Pennsylvania) **9 arrested, 11 at large in North Jersey crackdown on fraud, ID theft.** New Jersey officials reported that 9 suspects were arrested November 16 and 11 others were identified and remain at large in connection to an alleged identity theft and fraud ring that a Liberian national and business owner reportedly orchestrated in order to steal over \$100,000 from victims' bank accounts by changing the victims' mailing addresses, opening bank accounts, and using counterfeit checks to make illegal withdrawals from their accounts, in addition to applying for fraudulent loans in the victims' names.
Source: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/9-arrested-11-at-large-in-north-jersey-crackdown-on-fraud-id-theft-1.1457999>

Transportation Systems Sector

4. *November 19, WLKY 32 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **U.S. 42 back open after fatal crash closes roadway for 12 hours.** U.S. 42 in Prospect, Kentucky, was shut down for approximately 12 hours November 18 while crews cleaned up 100 gallons of diesel fuel that spilled into a nearby creek after a multi-vehicle crash left 1 dead and sent 3 to the hospital.
Source: <http://www.wlky.com/news/emergency-crews-at-scene-of-fatal-crash-in-prospect/36525744>
5. *November 19, WHAG 25 Hagerstown* – (Maryland) **I-81 open after being shut down for nearly four hours after hazmat accident.** Interstate 81 in Washington County was shut down for 4 hours November 18 while HAZMAT crews cleaned up a shipment of radioactive cleaning suits that spilled after a semi-truck overturned on the southbound side of the interstate. Officials determined that the suits contained low levels of radioactive material and transported them back to the Three Mile Island facility in Pennsylvania for inspection.
Source: <http://www.your4state.com/news/news/hazmat-situation-in-process-on-interstate-81>
6. *November 18, San Francisco Bay City News; KRON 4 San Francisco* – (California) **One dead in Highway 37 crash involving big-rigs and several other vehicles near Sears Point.** One eastbound lane of Highway 37 in Sonoma County reopened after all eastbound lanes were closed for approximately 7 hours November 18 due to a multi-vehicle accident involving 2 semi-trucks and at least 5 other vehicles that left 1 person dead.
Source: <http://kron4.com/2015/11/18/one-dead-in-highway-37-crash-involving-big-rigs-and-several-other-vehicles-near-sears-point/>
7. *November 18, San Diego Union Tribune* – (California) **2 dead in Carlsbad airport helicopter crash.** McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad was closed November 18 while Federal Aviation Administration officials investigated a helicopter crash that left two passengers dead after the aircraft spun and tilted on the ground before tipping over and lighting on fire.
Source: <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2015/nov/18/helicopter-crash-palomar-airport-carlsbad/>

Food and Agriculture Sector

8. *November 18, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Wegmans Food Markets issues allergy alert on undeclared tree nuts (Cashews and Almonds) in Wegmans Italian Classics Butternut Squash Ravioli, 9 oz.** Wegmans Food Markets, Inc., issued a recall November 17 for its Wegmans Italian Classics Butternut Squash Ravioli packaged in 9-ounce plastic trays after product testing revealed the presence of undeclared almonds and cashews. The item was distributed at Wegmans stores in several States.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm473455.htm>

9. *November 18, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Blue Bell reopens Brenham plant.** Blue Bell Creameries reopened its main production plant in Brenham November 18 after undergoing intense sanitation procedures following an April outbreak that sickened 10 people and caused 3 deaths in 4 States. The plant's production will be closely monitored and the products tested before sale distribution begins.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Blue-Bell-ice-cream-listeria-Brenham-6641150.php>
10. *November 18, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **State kills 228 deer at game farm after CWD found.** Wisconsin officials reported November 18 that 228 captive white-tailed deer at an Eau Claire County farm were euthanized after 26 deer were tested positive for chronic wasting disease. No wild deer was found with the disease and State officials are closely monitoring the farm for further infection.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/sports/outdoors/state-kills-228-deer-at-game-farm-after-cwd-found-b99619273z1-351548311.html>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

11. *November 18, WHNT 19 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Pipe leaking a million gallons of water a month for a decade finally repaired in Cherokee.** Crews repaired a leaking water pipe November 18 that was spilling an estimated 1.3 million gallons of water a month under Highway 72 in Cherokee, Alabama. Officials noted that more repairs will be made in December to help fix additional leaks in the pipe.
Source: <http://whnt.com/2015/11/18/pipe-leaking-a-million-gallons-of-water-a-month-for-a-decade-finally-repaired-in-cherokee/>
12. *November 18, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Sewer overflow spews 10,000 gallons of wastewater in stream.** The Baltimore City Department of Public Works posted signs warning the public to avoid Herring Run Stream following the release of more than 10,000 gallons of wastewater November 17 into the stream due to a clogged 21-inch sanitary sewer main.
Source: <http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2015/11/18/sewer-overflow-spews-10000-gallons-of-wastewater-in-stream/>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

Government Facilities Sector

13. *November 19, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Washington College to remain closed until Nov. 29 after gun threat.** The president of Washington College in Maryland announced November 19 that the school will remain closed until November 29 and classes will be cancelled through November 30 due to an ongoing investigation following a warrant that was issued for a student believed to be armed with a gun.

Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/washington-college-cancels-classes-over-gun-threat-involving-student/36495314>

14. *November 18, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **CPS to install thousands of carbon monoxide detectors after leak at school.** Chicago Public Schools announced November 18 that it will install an additional 5,000 carbon monoxide detectors in schools following an October 30 incident at Prussing Elementary School in Jefferson Park that hospitalized nearly 80 students and adults due to carbon monoxide that was released undetected from a malfunctioning component in the building's boiler.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-chicago-school-carbon-monoxide-detector-met-1119-20151119-story.html>
15. *November 18, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Data breach in Georgia could affect 6 million voters.** The Georgia Secretary of State announced November 18 that approximately 6.2 million registered voters may have had their Social Security numbers and personal identifying information illegally disclosed October 13 after the secretary's office inadvertently sent the information to 12 organizations who subscribe to voter lists maintained by the State. An investigation into the incident is ongoing.
Source: <http://www.myajc.com/news/news/state-regional-govt-politics/data-breach-in-georgia-could-affect-6-million-vote/npQj8/>

For another story, see item [1](#)

Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Information Technology Sector

16. *November 19, Securityweek* – (International) **Microsoft blocks unauthorized code injection in Edge.** Microsoft released several improvements to its Edge Software with the introduction of EdgeHTML 13 that adds a security feature to block dynamic-link library (DLL) injections into the browser process and only allow components signed by Microsoft and Windows Hardware Quality Labs (WHQL) signed-device drivers to load.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/microsoft-blocks-unauthorized-code-injection-edge>
17. *November 19, Softpedia* – (International) **15-year-old Brit charged with DDoS attacks, bomb threats.** British police arrested and charged a 15-year-old teenager November 16 for violating the Computer Misuse Act and Criminal Law Act after he launched a series of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks from his home targeting companies and servers in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America, as well as delivering several bomb threats against North American airlines via social media platforms.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/15-year-old-brit-charged-for-ddos-attacks-bomb-threats-496420.shtml>

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Communications Sector

18. *November 18, Hanford Sentinel* – (California) **Comcast outage affects Valley web, phone, video services.** An unknown amount of Comcast customers in Fresno and surrounding cities experienced a loss of telephone, video, and Internet services for more than 3 hours November 18 due to a fire at the company's technical facility in Fresno.

Source: http://hanfordsentinel.com/news/local/comcast-outage-affects-valley-web-phone-video-services/article_8ba92ac5-097a-5cc7-bf4c-9429ad9c0b51.html

For another story, see item [19](#)

Commercial Facilities Sector

19. *November 18, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Owner of Glendale-based ride-sharing company pleads guilty to multi-million dollar iPhone fraud scheme.** Federal officials reported November 18 that the owner of Glendale-based Toro Ride, a ride-sharing company, pleaded guilty to a wire fraud scheme in which he received more than \$13 million in selling Apple's iPhone devices by convincing Verizon Wireless to sell him \$0.99 per phone on false claims that the phones would be used by company drivers, following false pretenses that the company received \$20 million from investors to expand nationwide.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/socal/glendale-news-press/news/tn-gnp-owner-of-glendale-based-ride-sharing-company-pleads-guilty-to-multi-million-dollar-iphone-fraud-sche-20151118-story.html>

Dams Sector

20. *November 19, WLTX 19 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **Columbia City Council approves \$140M in flood repairs.** Funding for projects, totaling approximately \$140 million were approved by the Columbia City Council November 19 for repairs following flood damage on the Caughman Road waterline, the emergency water connection to West Columbia, the Lost Creek Road Bridge, the Riverbanks Zoo, and the Columbia Canal.

Source: <http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2015/11/18/columbia-city-council-approves-flood-repairs/76031844/>



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